

**Department of Health**  
**Health Professions Quality Assurance**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

February 13, 2005

310 Israel SE, Tumwater, Washington 98501

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**BOARD**

**MEMBERS:** Rosemary Foster, LMP, Chair  
Karin Olsen, LMP, Vice-Chair  
Scott Miller, LMP  
John Piety, Public Member

**ABSENT**

**MEMBER:** Morgan Caley, LMP

**STAFF:**

Erin Obenland, Program Manager  
Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
Joy King, Executive Director  
Lynda S. Whitney, Program Representative

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Ann Brittain, AMTA - WA  
Dawn Schmidt, Brenneke School of Massage  
Ryan Edwards, student, School of Therapeutic Touch & Bodywork  
Linda Wright, student, School of Therapeutic Touch & Bodywork  
John Premovich, student, School of Therapeutic Touch & Bodywork

**Sunday, February 13, 2005 – OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Rosemary Foster, LMP, Chair.

Rosemary Foster thanked the Board members, staff members and the audience for their participation.

All those who attended the Board meeting introduced themselves.

The agenda was approved as amended. The amendments were:

- Addition to the Program Management Update regarding Health Professions Fee Adjustment Rule-Making

The November 14, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

## **2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT UPDATE:**

The Board and staff reviewed and discussed the proposed recommendation for continuing education (CE) audit cases dated November, 2004. Erin Obenland provided the CE statistical information from September, October and November of 2004. *The Board asked staff to research the possibility of the massage program incorporating an inactive status for licensure.*

The Board and staff reviewed and discussed the Profession Fee Adjustment Proposal from the Department of Health. Joy King explained that some professions, including massage, currently has a surplus of funds that, per the Legislature, can only be dedicated to running the massage program. The Department is proposing a rule that would enable the profession renewal fees to be adjusted downward for at least one renewal cycle.

Karin Olsen commended and thanked the Board staff for their work.

## **3. CASE MANAGEMENT UNIT UPDATE:**

Joy King explained to the Board that Section 3 has been asked to align with other sections within Health Professions Quality Assurance by creating a case management unit, a credentialing unit and a Board support unit. Ms. King explained the Case Management Unit is currently in place, a manager has been hired and the unit is functioning well.

## **4. RULE UPDATE:**

Erin Obenland informed the Board that the Department of Health had reviewed their recommendations for rule changes. Ms. Obenland explained the Department has declined to make changes to WAC 246-830-201 titled Scope of examination because a practical examination is currently being given through the schools. *The Board directed staff to modify the school application form for clarification that a practical examination is being given by the schools.*

Ms. Obenland informed the Board that the Department has declined to make changes to WAC 246-830-460 titled Continuing education requirement – Amount because there have been no complaints from the profession regarding the WAC.

Ms. Obenland informed the Board that the Department is moving forward on the Board recommended rule change to WAC 246-830-475 titled Qualification of program for

continuing education credit. The Board Chair, Rosemary Foster signed the CR-101 which begins the rule change process.

**5. REVIEW BOARD FORMS:**

The Board reviewed the modified school application form which included the recommendations made by the Board at the November 14, 2004 meeting. *The Board asked staff to include further changes regarding Standard Seven: Records to include the records of the completed written and practical examination.*

**6 PLANNING FOR 2005 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:**

The Board selected Rosemary Foster to attend a conference held in 2005. Ms. Foster will choose at a later date which conference she will attend.

**7. RE-VISIT 2005 MEETING DATES:**

Joy King engaged the Board in a discussion regarding meeting on a Sunday. Members explained Sundays work more effectively with their work schedules. Ryan Edwards, an audience member indicated it is easier for students to attend if the meeting day remained on Sunday. *The Board will revisit this issue at their May, 2005 meeting.*

The Board discussed the 2005 meeting dates and determined they will only need meeting day in Spokane, Washington on August 21, 2005, the August 22, 2005 date is cancelled. The Board will have their training as part of their regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2005.

Karin Olsen informed the Board that she will be unable to attend the meeting scheduled on May 15, 2005 in Portland, Oregon.

**8. CONCERNS FROM THE PROFESSION:**

Linda Wright, a student with the School of Therapeutic Touch & Bodywork asked the Board to review RCW 18.108.050(5) Exemptions. The massage program staff also indicated that others had experienced confusion with this statute and questioned if it was in conflict with WAC 246-830-440(4) Curriculum-Academic standards-Faculty-Student clinic.

The Board clarified students enrolled in an approved massage school, approved program, or apprenticeship program practicing massage incidental to the massage school and supervised by the approved school or program can work in the community as long as they are receiving direct or indirect supervision from the school, identify themselves as a student and receive no form of compensation. The Board, staff and audience discussed how the schools supervise students when students are not actually practicing massage at the school. Dawn Schmidt with Brenneke explained that when her students are not

directly supervised with an instructor in attendance the work of her students is supervised through a monitoring process which includes specific documentation.

Ann Brittain with the American Massage Therapy Association expressed her concern that Board member Morgan Caley was absent and she expressed she would appreciate full Board representation at future Board meetings.

NOTE: Dawn Schmidt told the Board and staff she appreciates their dedication and work. Joy King commended public member, John Piety on his commitment and dedication.

#### **9. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING:**

The Board members would like the following items added to the May 15, 2005 agenda:

- Review changes to the school application form.
- Review sanitation and health requirements for public health.
- Review inactive status for licensure.
- Review school checklist.
- Begin planning for meeting locations for 2006.

#### **CLOSED SESSION 12:45 p.m.**

#### **10. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW**

Reviewing Board members presented jurisdiction and program approval requests for the entire Board's consideration and action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2005 by Rosemary Foster

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Erin Obenland, Program Manager

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Rosemary Foster, LMP, Chair